

Introduced by Senator Morrow

February 25, 1999

An act to add Section 3058.9 to the Penal Code, relating to the Department of Corrections.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 787, as introduced, Morrow. Department of Corrections: prisoner release date.

Existing law requires the Board of Prison Terms or the Department of Corrections to send a notice, 45 days prior to the scheduled release date of any state prisoner convicted of a violent felony, to each witness involved in the conviction who was threatened by the defendant following arrest and each victim or next of kin of the victim of that offense, informing those persons of the fact that the person who committed the violent offense is scheduled to be released and specifying the proposed date of release.

This bill would require the Department of Corrections to establish and maintain a publicly accessible computer website listing the scheduled release date of each state prisoner at least 2 years prior to his or her scheduled release date, and an automated "1-800" telephone number by which the caller may enter the number or name of a state prisoner to access the scheduled release date of the prisoner.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 3058.9 is added to the Penal
2 Code, to read:

3 3058.9. The Department of Corrections shall establish
4 and maintain both of the following:

5 (a) A publicly accessible computer website listing the
6 scheduled release date of each state prisoner by his or her
7 number. Each state prisoner shall be entered into the
8 website at least two years prior to his or her scheduled
9 release date.

10 (b) An automated “1-800” telephone number by
11 which the caller may enter the number or name of a state
12 prisoner to access the scheduled release date of the
13 prisoner.

